

Should our votes go to college? Yes, we believe they should. The Electoral College should not be eliminated in its entirety. There are aspects that are beneficial and fair for our country. It helps to ensure the rights of smaller states. It also provides a type of “checks and balances” between our Congress and our people, when electing a president. However, we feel that one change should be made. Electoral votes should be assigned by proportional representation in all states.

The Electoral College should not be eliminated from the Constitution. It encompasses many beneficial aspects for our country. For example, the Electoral College helps to ensure the rights of smaller states. Since the amount of a state’s electors is based on a state’s population (along with their guaranteed two senators), fair power is provided to all states, regardless of size. This aspect of the Electoral College is just and fair.

Also, the founding fathers wanted to ensure that a qualified person would become president. They didn’t want the American people electing their friends or being swayed by a tyrant with plenty of charm. The Electoral system is a compromise between the vote of Congress and the popular vote of the people. This is similar to the “checks and balances” system that the founding fathers created for our republic. We feel this system is beneficial to our country.

Although we feel that the Electoral College should remain in place, we do believe that a necessary change should be made. “Winner takes it all” is not only a lyric from a popular song or the mantra of some avid sports fans, it is the system under which the Electoral College functions. Currently if a candidate wins the popular vote in a specific state, they receive all of the electoral votes from that state. So if one candidate receives

only one more popular vote than the other candidate, that first candidate receives all of the electoral votes. This is the one aspect of the Electoral College that we believe needs to be changed. Electoral votes should be assigned by proportional representation. This makes it possible for all the candidates to receive electoral votes. Nebraska and Maine use this system and so should the rest of the 48 states.

In closing, The Electoral College is an essential piece of our government that should not be abolished. It helps to ensure the rights of all states, regardless of size. It also provides a “checks and balances” between the American people and Congress, when electing a president. However, we believe that it should be possible for all candidates to receive electoral votes. If all states are to be heard fairly, then electoral votes should be assigned by proportional representation. Let us look to the past for guidance, and change accordingly to benefit our future. We should not live in the past and continue on with a crumbling ideal, but rather take the greatness of the past, and improve upon it, in order to rebuild and become stronger. As President John F. Kennedy once said, “Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”